



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, July 8, 2018. Topsoil moisture supplies were 8 percent very short, 27 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 6 percent very short, 33 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 71.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Leesville to 76.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 87.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano to 97.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Minden. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the State, with the highest concentration in the southeast part of the State with an average of 3.57 inches.

Crop progress for week ending July 8, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, dough	90	78	91	81
Corn, dent	67	40	57	43
Corn, mature	3	(NA)	4	1
Cotton, squaring	95	89	92	87
Cotton, setting bolls	68	36	51	37
Hay, first cutting	100	99	97	96
Hay, second cutting	45	34	37	30
Rice, headed	56	43	58	60
Rice, mature	1	0	5	2
Sorghum, headed	87	69	79	84
Sorghum, coloring	32	18	30	28
Soybeans, blooming	92	82	86	76
Soybeans, setting pods	75	63	64	49
Sweet potatoes, planted	100	99	100	98

(NA) Not available

Crop condition for week ending July 8, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	0	6	41	47	6
Cotton	0	7	50	40	3
Livestock	1	5	36	51	7
Pasture	4	22	41	29	4
Rice	0	4	23	64	9
Sorghum	0	6	71	23	0
Soybeans	1	8	37	42	12
Sugarcane	0	7	33	47	13
Sweet potatoes	0	4	37	59	0
Vegetables	5	11	36	46	2

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Recent rains have been very beneficial. Rice is mostly headed and some fields are being drained. Early soybeans are blooming and rain provided much needed moisture. Pastures have also improved with rainfall.”

–Todd Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“Area has been receiving needed rains. Crops such as sugarcane have shown good progress with the recent rains and warm temperatures. Rains halted fieldwork as farmers are busy managing water in their fields.”

– Blair Herbert, Iberia Parish

“Rain showers this past week will help pastures and hay fields grow. The area received between 1-3 inches during the previous week with more to come this week. Rainy weather is not beneficial for rice heading out and for diseases pressure. Soybeans are looking good.”

– James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Scattered rains are helping to replenish soil moisture and accelerate crop growth. Cane growers are going to start planting at the end of July. Some cane is a little short for this point in the season. Early planted soybeans are a little stunted by dry conditions. Some rice fields will be drained in the next couple weeks in anticipation for harvest at the end of the month.”

–Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Summer crops are benefiting from the previous week daily rain.”

– Anna Timmerman, Jefferson Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending July 8, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	97.3	76.0	86.7	81.7	5.0	1.00	1	0.12	1.24	-3.26
Mooringsport	94.0	73.6	83.8	82.7	1.1	0.69	2	-0.03	1.31	-2.95
Red River	95.6	73.4	84.4	82.7	1.8	0.23	2	-0.72	0.54	-3.92
Shreveport	97.0	72.9	84.9	82.3	2.6	0.27	3	-0.68	0.85	-2.51
Extreme/Average	96.0	74.0	85.0	82.3	2.6	0.55	3	-0.33	0.98	-3.16
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	80.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	93.9	71.7	82.8	79.9	2.9	0.57	3	-0.45	1.30	-3.11
Extreme/Average	93.9	71.7	82.8	80.8	2.9	0.57	3	-0.45	1.30	-3.11
Northeast										
Lake Providence	89.4	74.0	81.7	82.1	-0.4	0.07	1	-0.80	4.64	0.91
St Joseph	95.4	72.0	83.7	82.4	1.3	0.68	2	-0.05	2.00	-1.45
Tallulah	94.5	74.5	84.5	81.7	3.0	0.00	0	-0.29	0.00	-1.18
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.34	-1.23
Extreme/Average	93.1	73.5	83.3	82.1	1.3	0.25	2	-0.38	1.99	-0.74
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	92.9	71.1	82.0	80.9	1.1	3.94	5	2.87	5.47	0.76
Natchitoches	94.9	75.6	85.2	83.3	1.9	2.61	4	1.97	4.37	-0.07
Extreme/Average	93.9	73.3	83.6	81.8	1.5	3.27	5	2.42	4.92	0.34
Central										
Alexandria	93.6	73.9	83.7	82.8	0.9	0.92	4	-0.23	2.07	-3.02
Bunkie	91.7	73.9	82.8	82.1	0.7	1.96	4	0.93	5.81	0.99
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	83.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	91.9	72.6	82.2	82.2	0.0	1.17	6	0.17	2.49	-1.12
New Roads	90.3	73.6	81.9	82.8	-0.8	2.01	5	0.88	4.07	-0.33
Extreme/Average	91.9	73.5	82.7	82.7	0.2	1.51	6	0.44	3.61	-0.87
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.65	4	1.11	8.11	1.58
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.86	4	(NA)	3.37	(NA)
Slidell	89.5	72.8	81.2	81.9	-0.7	2.28	4	1.00	4.27	-1.02
Extreme/Average	89.5	72.8	81.2	81.6	-0.7	1.93	4	1.06	5.25	0.28
Southwest										
Crowley	89.9	73.4	81.6	82.1	-0.4	2.60	5	1.14	4.03	-2.50
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	90.9	72.6	81.7	82.0	-0.3	3.37	5	2.06	5.59	-0.63
Oberlin Fire	87.9	71.6	79.7	81.6	-1.9	2.30	6	0.86	5.28	-1.03
Extreme/Average	89.6	72.5	81.0	81.9	-0.9	2.76	6	1.35	4.97	-1.39
South central										
Donaldsonville	90.3	73.6	81.9	81.8	0.1	0.40	3	-1.18	4.09	-2.71
Jeanerette	90.8	72.0	81.4	82.1	-0.7	3.21	5	1.65	6.42	-1.19
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	89.3	75.3	82.3	81.9	0.4	2.56	5	0.79	3.46	-3.62
Extreme/Average	90.1	73.6	81.9	81.8	-0.1	2.06	5	0.42	4.66	-2.51
Southeast										
Galliano	87.6	76.1	81.9	82.1	-0.2	3.49	5	1.89	7.51	0.75
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3.64	5	2.12	7.13	0.67
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	84.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3.45	-0.33
Extreme/Average	87.6	76.1	81.9	83.0	-0.2	3.57	5	2.00	6.03	0.36
State	91.5	73.4	82.4	82.0	0.6	1.88	5	0.76	3.83	-1.14

(NA) Not available.  
Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.  
DFN = Departure From Normal.